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Applicants: Makoto KAYASHIMA et al.  
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**AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
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November 12, 2004

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated August 12, 2004, setting a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on November 12, 2004, reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding rejections and allowance of the present application are respectfully requested in view of the following amendments and remarks.

**Amendments to the Claims**

**Remarks** are included following the amendments.